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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Tadashi TANABE
PROSTACYCLIN SYNTHASE DERIVED FROM HUMAN
Our Ref: Q76409

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/670,582 (Confirmation No. 6094) filed September 27, 2000, in turn a continuation Application of Application No. 09/037,758, filed January 10, 1998 (now abandoned), which in turn is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 08/578,709, filed December 28, 1995 (now U.S. Patent 5,814,509) of Tadashi TANABE entitled PROSTACYCLIN SYNTHASE DERIVED FROM HUMAN.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 13 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement, a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application and a Preliminary Amendment.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1645.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	114316/1994	April 28, 1994

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 08/578,709.

Cancel claims 1-20.

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A check for the statutory fee of \$750.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

A Petition and payment for an extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith in Application No. 09/670,582. The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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